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Box Score

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USC AIKEN

ARMSTRONG STATE

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	USC AIKEN (12-5, 6-3 PBC)	25	22	24	25	9	2	
	ARMSTRONG STATE (13-1, 8-0 PBC)	20	25	26	22	15	3	



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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The No. 20-ranked Armstrong State University volleyball squad scored the first six points in the fifth and final set, sparking the Pirates to a 3-2 Peach Belt Conference win over visiting USC Aiken on Friday evening at the ARC. Set scores were: 20-25, 25-22, 26-24, 22-25, 15-9.

GAME LEADERS

USC AIKEN

- K: Ashley Diedrich - 23
- B: Hannah Tierney - 3
- D: Monica Cardona - 16
- SA: Hannah Tierney - 3

The win keeps the Pirates (13-1, 8-0 PBC) unbeaten in league play and also extends Armstrong's consecutive regular season PBC winning streak to 35, while USC Aiken (12-5, 6-3 PBC) drops its third match in its last four contests.

The streak was in jeopardy early as USC Aiken hit a stellar .417 with 17 kills in taking set number one by five points. A late run in the second set helped the Pirates even the match at one set apiece, then senior **Taylor Permenter** had six kills in the third set, including one on set point, to edge Armstrong ahead, two sets to one.

The fourth set saw the Pacers again hit well with 16 kills and a .407 hitting percentage. Two-time PBC Player of the Week Ashley Diedrich had eight kills in the fourth set alone.

Armstrong jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead in the deciding set thanks to four hitting errors by Diedrich and kills by sophomores **Emily Wylie** and **Rachel Thompson**. The Pirates stretched that lead to 11-3, then closed out the win on the fourth match point on a hitting error by the Pacers' Taylor Stratton.

The Pirates hit .267 in the match and placed three players in double digit kills, led by senior **Stephanie Sfara**'s 16 kills. Wylie had 14 kills, hitting .414 with just two errors in 29 attacks, and Permenter finished the match with 11 kills, hitting a match-high .435. Senior **Kamryn Sherman** delivered 52 assists and senior **Morgan Hill** notched 23 digs. The .267 hitting percentage was the seventh-highest hitting percentage in Armstrong volleyball history for a five-set match.

The Pacers were led by Diedrich's 23 kills, while setter Sheila Walsh had 47 assists and 11 kills. Monica Cardona added 16 digs defensively for USC Aiken.

Armstrong returns to action on Saturday, hosting Lander for a 1:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest while also hosting Mount Olive at 5 p.m. in a non-conference clash.



ARMSTRONG STATE
K: Stephanie Sfara - 16
B: Rachel Thompson - 3
D: Morgan Hill - 23
SA: Morgan Hill - 2

TEAM STATS		
USC AIKEN	ARMSTRONG STATE	
.211	Hitting %	.267
6.0	Blocks	5.0
60	Digs	58
9	Aces	5

FULL STATS



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